

REMARKS

As an initial matter, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his careful search and for the finding of allowable subject matter. In the advisory action mailed Sept. 11, 2003, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in claims 1-14. New claims 31-33 have been added as dependent claims from one of the allowed claims and are allowable therefore as well as for the recitations independently set forth therein. New independent claim 34 is believed to be allowable for reasons similar to those of claim 1. New dependent claims 35-37 depend from claim 34 and are believed to be allowable therefore as well as for the recitations independently set forth therein. The new claims are supported by the specification. No new matter has been added. The rejected claims 15-17 have been cancelled without prejudice by this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, claims 1-14 remain in this application. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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